Test and Evaluation in the Midst of Conflict

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OUTLINE



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NEW COMPLEXITIES - NEW ROLES



- War on Terrorism (Offensive)
- Homeland Defense (Defensive)



- New Missions:
 - Within CONUS.
 - Anti-Terrorists Operations (OCONUS).
- Different Environments,
 Scenarios and Players



NEW COMPLEXITIES - NEW ROLES (Cont.)



Meeting These New Roles Will Require:

- Finding New Operational Capabilities For Existing Systems.
- Developing New Systems.
- Accelerating Delivery of Promising Systems.
- Increased Interoperability Challenges:
 - » Interface with Multiple Military and Civilian Programs / Systems.
- New Intelligence / Surveillance Systems.
- New Technologies.



WHAT THIS MEANS TO THE TEST AND EVALUATION COMMUNITY



Timeliness is an Issue

<u>Think Months — Not Years</u>

 Requires a New Approach to Test and Evaluation



THE ROLE OF T&E (Challenges)



TIMELINESS

- We Can't Do Business as Usual
- Traditional Acquisition / T&E Model Does Not Work:
 - Quick Reaction Response Required.
 - Less Formal Documentation Requirements.
 - Less Formal, Parallel Approach to Testing.
 - More Quick Look Test Reports on Results (Don't Delay for Formal Report).



THE ROLE OF T&E (Challenges)



NEW APPROACH TO TESTING

- New Test Strategy Requiring:
 - Greater Use Of M&S.
 - Test Strategies Must Support Capability Improvements Rather Than Traditional Hard / Quantifiable Requirements.
 - New Test Techniques and Testing Locations.
 - New Approach to Define and Replicate Threats.
- Capability Testing Vice ORD/KPP
- Evaluation of Systems in Development to Identify Demonstrated Capabilities that Can be Delivered Early
- Support Operational Commands Including the New Homeland Defense Command:
 - Testing New Uses for Existing Systems.
 - Assist in Buying Smart.
- More Demonstration / Experimentation



T&E NEEDS TO BE INVOLVED



- Even Though the Emphasis is on "FAST" – the Discipline / Expertise of the T&E Community is Needed to:
 - Ensure it Will Work in All Intended Environments.
 - Identify Needed Improvements.
 - Ensure it is Interoperable:
 - » All Services and Appropriate Federal, State and Local Agencies.
 - Ensure it is Safe.



JOINT TEST & EVALUATION (JT&E) PROGRAM



- Unique Program that Presents an Opportunity for T&E Involvement with the Ongoing National Effort
- The Only Test Program in the Department of Defense with a Focus on Improving Joint Operations for the Warfighter
- Applies the Rigor of Testing to Solutions for Joint Operational Problems
- Addressing Subject Matter that is Timely and Related to Ongoing Activities



JT&E PROGRAM (Cont.)



OSD Sponsored Joint Program:

- Program Management, Funding, Test Oversight.
- Currently 10 Tests, 2 Feasibility Studies in 9 Locations.

Program Purpose:

- Finding Solutions for Joint Operational Problems.
- Improving Test Tools and Methods for Testing.
- Providing Feedback to the Acquisition and Joint Operations Communities.

Three-Phased Program:

- Nomination / Selection.
- Joint Feasibility Study One Year.
- Joint Test & Evaluation Averages Four Years from Charter.

Results and Legacy Products:

- Interim Results provided to Warfighter and Test Community.
- Final Results Transitioned to Legacy Institutions (Warfighter and Test Communities).

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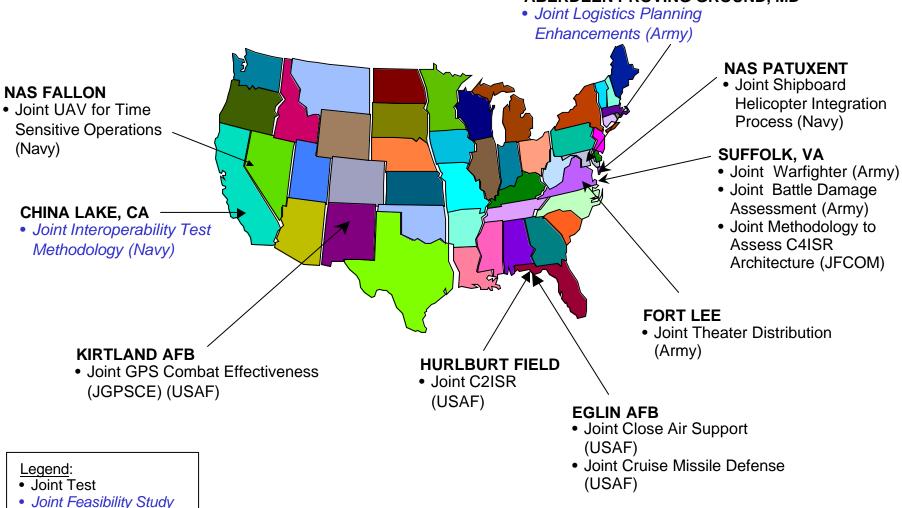


JT&E LOCATIONS



10 Tests, 2 Joint Feasibility Studies, 9 Locations







Joint Antiterrorism/Force Protection (JAT/FP)



Feasibility Study:

- Selected in July 2000.
- Conducted One Year Study.

Joint Problem:

- Installation Anti-terrorism Planning Process Inadequate.
- Planning Tools and Training Lacking.

Feasibility Study Results:

- Developed Enhanced Installation Planning Process:
 - » Includes the Appropriate Planning Tools and Training for Developing an Anti-terrorism Plan.
- Provides the Installation Commander an Improved Process to Plan for Defense Against Terrorist Attack.

Action Taken:

- Presented Results to Senior Advisory Committee, August 2001.
- The Joint Staff Representative agreed that JCS would be a More Appropriate Sponsor.
- JCS Provided Emergency Congressional Response Funding.
- JAT/FP Accelerating Delivery of their Planning Tools to Installations.



Joint Shipboard Helicopter Integration Process (JSHIP)



- Current OSD Joint Test & Evaluation Program Chartered July 1998 to Improve Helicopter Shipboard Interoperability:
 - Focus on Process Development for Army, Air Force, and Special Operation Forces (SOF) Helicopters on USN Ships.
 - Certify Sufficient Helicopter and Ship Pairings to Fully Develop the Process During At-Sea Tests.
- Creates Useful Products for Our Warfighter in the Areas of:
 - Compatibility / Interoperability.
 - Deployment / Pre-Deployment and Ordnance Procedures.
 - Simulation and Pilot Shipboard Training.



JSHIP Supporting OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM



- JSHIP Requested to Support USS KITTY HAWK / Special Operations Forces Shipboard Operations
- Two Team Members Supported Shipboard Helicopter Operations in Theater (2 Weeks in November 2001)
- JSHIP Provided Test and Operational Experience



JSHIP Supporting OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM



JSHIP Products In Use:

- Technical Test Reports Recommendations and Conclusions:
 - » JSHIP Conducted 2 Previous CV / CVN Tests.
 - » Key Compatibility, Procedures, and Training Issues Identified / Addressed.
- Flight Deck Multiple Software Provided (Determine Allowable Combinations of Helicopter With a Ship).
- Helicopter Electromagnetic Vulnerability Assessment.
- Aviation Commands Using Specialized Products
 Developed by JSHIP (Pilot Handbook, Checklists, Planning Guides).
- Maintaining Liaison with SOCOM Planners and Units
- Publishing Valuable Lessons Learned (Operationally and Technically)



OTHER RELATED PARTICIPATION



- Supported NAVAIR / NAVSEA Requirement to Recommend Ship Replacement Alternatives to Chief of Naval Operations (CNO):
 - Provided Operational and Test Information for Appropriate Ship Configuration.
 - JSHIP was Only Participant with Recent Experience.
- Short-Term Navy Cell Initiated:
 - JSHIP Requested to Participate in OPNAV Afloat Staging Base Working Group Regarding Helicopter/ Shipboard Operations.
 - JSHIP Helped Solve Interoperability Issues (Including Flight / Hanger Deck Spotting Assistance).



BOTTOM LINE



- The Traditional T&E Model Does Not Work:
 - Need to Think Differently.
 - Need to be Responsive.
 - Need to be Involved.
- JT&E Program may be a Good Venue to Consider
- A Word of Caution—In our Zeal to Field Systems Early
 - "Smart Testing" Will Continue to be an Essential Tool to Manage Risk, and it Must not be Neglected.